

Remarks

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive under 37 CFR 1.77(b). A new title has been provided.

The Examiner has objected to claims 50 and 60-62 as being of improper dependent form and for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The term “configured to” has been added to provide proper structural configuration to the claim.

Claims 50, 52, 53, 55, 57 and 61 have been objected to because of informalities. The claims have been amended to overcome these objections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 54 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 54 and 56 have been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 45, 50, 51, 54-58, 63 and 64 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,972,752 to *Van Duyne*.

The Examiner has rejected claims 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Van Duyne* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,313,010 to *Matsushima et al.* Claim 59 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Van Duyne* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,411 to *Kellar*. Claims 60-62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Van Duyne* in view of U.S. Patent No. *Stranglo*.

The Examiner has stated that claim 46 is conditionally allowable. Claim 45 has been amended to include the elements of allowable claim 46. It is respectfully submitted that claim 45 is now allowable and that the remaining claims which depend from claims 45, and allowable claim 47 are now allowable as well. Therefore, since all of the remaining claims either depend from claim 45 or claim 47, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims are allowable.

In conclusion, claims 1-44 and 46 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 45, 48, 50, 52-57, 60, and 61 have been amended. Claims 45, 47-64 remain in the application. No new matter has been added. Accordingly early allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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